

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-9 - Cancelled.

10. (Currently Amended) A book comprising:

a first plurality of sheets each having a peripheral edge and oppositely facing front and back surfaces; and

a binding that maintains the first plurality of sheets together in a stacked arrangement with a top sheet, a bottom sheet, and a second plurality of intermediate sheets between the top and bottom sheets,

the peripheral edges of sheets in the first plurality of sheets configured so that a user can engage the book at a first location, and flip directly from a first sheet to a second sheet by engaging the first and second sheets at or adjacent the peripheral edges at the first location to serially expose the front surfaces on the first and second sheets without exposing the front surface of at least a third sheet between the first and second sheets and

~~b) a user can engage the book at a second location, and flip directly from a fourth sheet to a fifth sheet by engaging the fourth and fifth sheets at or adjacent to the peripheral edges of the fourth and fifth sheets at the second location to thereby serially expose the front surfaces of the fourth and fifth sheets without exposing the front surface of at least a sixth sheet between the fourth and fifth sheets;~~

~~the front surfaces of the first and second sheets and the back surface of the sheet that directly overlies the second sheet having related graphic material;~~

~~the graphic material on the front surface of the second sheet and the back surface of the sheet that directly overlies the second sheet viewable together with the book configured to expose the front surface of the second sheet,~~

wherein the peripheral edges of the sheets in the first plurality of sheets each comprises a bound peripheral edge portion and an opposite peripheral edge portion,

the binding located at the bound peripheral edge portions of the sheets in the first plurality of sheets,

the opposite peripheral edge portion of each sheet in the first plurality of sheets having a first length between spaced ends,

the opposite peripheral edge portions on fourth and fifth sheets, respectively overlying the first and second sheets at the first location, have substantially straight edge parts each extending along a first line so as to expose the front surfaces of the first and second sheets at the first location,

wherein the book has a substantially squared outer edge shape with the bound peripheral edge portions and opposite peripheral edge portions on the sheets in the first plurality of sheets extending generally parallel to a second reference line,

the first line disposed at a slight angle with respect to the second reference line,

wherein the straight edge parts on the fourth and fifth sheets extend over at least approximately one third of the first length.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The book according to claim 10 wherein the front surfaces of the first and second sheets comprise lined notebook surfaces and there is a graphic image/element on the front surface of at least one of the first and second sheets.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) ~~The A book according to claim 18~~ comprising:
a first plurality of sheets each having a peripheral edge and oppositely facing front and back surfaces; and

a binding that maintains the first plurality of sheets together in a stacked arrangement with a top sheet, a bottom sheet, and a second plurality of intermediate sheets between the top and bottom sheets,

the peripheral edges of sheets in the first plurality of sheets configured so that a) a user can engage the book at a first location, and flip directly from a first sheet to a second sheet by engaging the first and second sheets at or adjacent the peripheral edges at the

first location to serially expose the front surfaces on the first and second sheets without exposing the front surface of at least a third sheet between the first and second sheets and
b) a user can engage the book at a second location, and flip directly from a fourth sheet to a fifth sheet by engaging the fourth and fifth sheets at or adjacent to the peripheral edges of the fourth and fifth sheets without exposing the front surface of at least a sixth sheet between the fourth and fifth sheets,

wherein the peripheral edges of the sheets in the first plurality of sheets each comprises a bound peripheral edge portion and an opposite peripheral edge portion,

the binding located at the bound peripheral edge portions of the sheets in the first plurality of sheets,

the opposite peripheral edge portion of each sheet in the first plurality of sheets each having a first length between spaced ends,

the opposite peripheral edge portions on seventh and eighth sheets, respectively overlying the first and second sheets at the first location, have substantially straight edge parts each extending along a first line so as to expose the front surfaces of the first and second sheets at the first location,

the peripheral edge portions on ninth and tenth sheets, respectively overlying the fourth and fifth sheets at the second location, have substantially straight edge parts each extending along a second line so as to expose the front surfaces of the fourth and fifth sheets at the second location,

wherein the straight edge parts on the seventh and eighth sheets each extends over at least approximately one third of the first length,

wherein the straight edge parts on the ninth and tenth sheets extend over at least approximately one third of the first length.

wherein the first and second lines are non-parallel.

wherein the book has a substantially squared outer edge shape with the bound peripheral edge portions and opposite peripheral edge portions on the sheets in the first plurality of sheets extending generally parallel to a third reference line and the first and second lines are disposed at a slight angle with respect to the third reference line.

20. (Previously Presented) The book according to claim 1 further comprising a front cover that fully overlies the peripheral edges of the sheets in the first plurality of sheets.

21. (Previously Presented) The book according to claim 10 wherein ~~the peripheral edges of the sheets in the first plurality of sheets each comprise a bound peripheral edge portion and an opposite peripheral edge portion, the binding located at the bound peripheral edge portions of the sheets in the first plurality of sheets, the opposite peripheral edge portions each having a first length between spaced ends, and the opposite peripheral edge portion on the third sheet is spaced from the opposite peripheral edge portions of the first and second sheets towards the binding substantially fully along the first length.~~

22. (Currently amended) The book according to claim 21 wherein the opposite peripheral edge portion[[,]] on the third sheet is substantially straight along substantially the entire first length.

23. (Previously Presented) The book according to claim 10 wherein there is at least one sheet in addition to the third sheet that has a front surface and is between the first and second sheets and the user can engage the book at the first location to serially expose the front surfaces on the first and second sheets without exposing the front surfaces on the third sheet and the at least one sheet in addition to the third sheet.

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25. (Cancelled)

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Cancelled)

31. (New) The book according to claim 10 wherein the peripheral edges of sheets in the first plurality of sheets are configured so that a user can engage the book at a second location, and flip directly from a sixth sheet to a seventh sheet by engaging the sixth and seventh sheets at or adjacent to the peripheral edges of the sixth and seventh sheets at the second location to thereby serially expose the front surfaces of the sixth and seventh sheets without exposing the front surface of at least an eighth sheet between the sixth and seventh sheets.

32. (New) The book according to claim 10 wherein there are graphic images/elements on each of the first, second, sixth and seventh sheets and the images/elements on the first and second sheets are related to each other in a manner different than the images on the first and second sheets are related to the images/elements on the sixth and seventh sheets.

33. (New) The book according to claim 19 wherein there are graphics images/elements in each of the first, second, third and fourth sheets and the images/elements on the first and second sheets are related to each other in a manner different than the images on the first and second sheets are related to the images on the third and fourth sheets.